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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 535  
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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article III, Section 17, Article VI, Section 5, and Article VII, Section 3, of the Constitution of Tennessee, to require all constitutional officers to be popularly elected.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by:

(1) deleting Article III, Section 17 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 17. A Secretary of State shall be chosen by the qualified voters of Tennessee, and elected to hold office for four (4) years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The Secretary of State shall keep a fair register of all the official acts and proceedings of the Governor; and shall, when required, lay the same, and all papers, minutes and vouchers relative thereto, before the General Assembly; and shall perform such other duties as shall be enjoined by law.

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(2) deleting the first sentence of Article VI, Section 5, in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

An Attorney General and Reporter for the State shall be chosen by the qualified voters of Tennessee, and elected to hold office for a term of eight (8) years and until a successor is elected and qualified.

(3) deleting Article VII, Section 3, in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 3. There shall be a treasurer and a comptroller of the treasury who shall be chosen by the qualified voters of Tennessee, and elected to hold office for a term of two (2) years and until a successor is elected and qualified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Third General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.